

CLAIMS

The invention we claim is:

1. An apparatus for covering a portion of a rear compartment of a golf cart, and configured for attachment to a support frame and a roof of a golf cart, the
5 apparatus comprising:

a stationary frame member;

at least one movable frame member configured for mounting to the stationary frame member, and further configured to pivotably rotate over a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart; and

- 10 a cover configured for mounting to the at least one movable frame member so that when the movable frame member rotates over a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart, the cover covers a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart,

wherein the stationary frame member is configured to mount to the golf cart
15 by brackets;

and wherein the brackets are attached to the golf cart at a rear portion of the support frame and at the roof.

2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the roof comprises handles and wherein the
20 brackets mount to the roof near the handles.

3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the stationary frame member comprises a U-shaped frame with a horizontal portion and two legs extending relatively perpendicular from the ends of the horizontal portion.

5 4. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein the horizontal portion of the stationary frame member mounts to the brackets.

5. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the at least one movable frame member comprises a U-shaped frame with a horizontal portion and two legs extending
10 relatively perpendicular from the ends of the horizontal portion.

6. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein at least one leg of at least one movable frame member mounts to a respective leg of the stationary frame member.

15 7. The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
a retainer bar strip configured to mount to the stationary frame member,
wherein the retainer bar strip includes
a channel; and
a retainer bar wherein a portion of the retainer bar fits within the channel; and
20 further
wherein a portion of the cover fits within the channel when the retainer bar is positioned within the channel.

8. The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein the cover is sufficiently flexible to extend from the retainer bar strip and over a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart when the movable frame member rotates over a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart.

9. The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
at least one strap configured to restrain the cover adjacent to the stationary frame member to permit access to the rear compartment of the golf cart.

10. A method for covering a rear compartment of a golf cart having a support frame with at least one support member and a roof, the method comprising:

mounting at least one bracket to the support frame of the golf cart and to the roof;

mounting a stationary frame member to the at least one bracket;

mounting at least one movable frame member to the stationary frame member, the movable frame member configured to rotate to cover a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart; and

mounting a flexible cover to the at least one movable frame member so that when the movable frame member covers a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart, a portion of the flexible cover covers a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart.

11. An apparatus for mounting to a golf cart with a support frame and a roof, the apparatus comprising:

brackets configured to be attached to the support frame and the roof;

5 a stationary main frame connected to the brackets, the stationary main frame comprising:

a U-shape frame with

a pair of arm tubes, and

10 a connecting tube between the arm tubes, wherein the connecting tube mounts to the rear support frame of the golf cart;

at least one movable frame connected to the stationary main frame, the at least one movable frame comprising:

a U-shape piece with

15 two arm bars, wherein at least one arm bar connects to the stationary main frame; and

a connecting bar between the two arm bars, wherein the movable frame can rotate over a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart;

a cover retainer strip connected to the stationary main frame, comprising:

an elongate strip; and

20 a channel recess extending along a portion of the elongate strip; and

a cover connected to the cover retainer strip, wherein the cover extends from the channel recess and over the movable frame when the movable frame is rotated over a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart.

5 12. The apparatus of Claim 11, further comprising:

a cover retainer bar configured to slide within the channel recess to support a portion of the cover within the channel recess.

13. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the roof comprises a section with handles,
10 wherein the brackets connect to the golf cart at an upper portion of a rear support frame and at the roof at the portion near the handles.

14. A method for covering a rear compartment of a golf cart having a support frame and a roof, the method comprising:

15 rotating at least one movable frame member relative to a stationary frame member, wherein

the stationary frame member is configured to mount brackets which are configured to mount to the support frame, and

20 the at least one movable frame member is configured to cover a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart.

15. The method of Claim 14, further comprising:

extending a flexible cover configured for covering a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart, wherein the flexible cover extends from a portion of the stationary frame member and over a portion of the at least one movable frame member when the at least one movable frame member covers a portion of the rear
5 compartment of the golf cart.

16. The method of Claim 14, further comprising

restraining a flexible cover configured for covering a portion of the rear compartment of the golf cart, wherein the flexible cover is held adjacent to the
10 stationary frame member when the at least one movable frame member is rotated towards the stationary frame member.